

Green River, Segment 1

BLM



ESSENTIAL FACTS

Length: 5.8 Miles

Corridor Acres: Approx. 1,066

Classification: Wild

Outstandingly Remarkable Values: Cultural, Historic, Recreation, Scenery, Geology, Fish, Wildlife, Ecological

LOCATION

River Mile 26 to River Mile 20
(Coal Creek to Nefertiti Boat Ramp)

Moab and Price Field Offices

Canyon Country and Green River Districts

Grand and Emery Counties, Utah

2nd Congressional District



Utah State Office



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General Description

The segment of the Green River from Coal Creek to Nefertiti Boat Ramp is the conclusion of a Desolation Canyon float trip, a premier wilderness recreation experience. Located in Utah's deepest canyon and largest Wilderness Study Area, Desolation Canyon offers outstanding white water boating. This segment of the Green River offers a textbook example of an antecedent river cutting through structural geology. Segment 1 of the Green River has remarkable value for both avian and terrestrial wildlife populations. Confirmed Federally listed species include Bald Eagle, Mexican spotted owl and Southwestern willow flycatcher. BLM sensitive species known to occur include peregrine falcon, yellow-breasted Chat, and yellow-billed cuckoo. Also found in the corridor are Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep, mule deer and elk. Rock art is a particularly important cultural component within Desolation Canyon, which was one of the areas of study in defining Fremont Culture.

Summary

This segment has nationally significant Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs) and designation of this segment would provide a unique scenic, geological and recreation experience to the National System. Future congressional designation would protect free flow and ORVs. The segment is withdrawn from mineral entry under the 1872 Mining Law by Secretarial Order.

Grand County supports the designation of this segment, and sees the economic benefits provided by the rafting industry in the county. There are no anticipated negative effects from designation because there are no competing resource considerations. This segment of the Green River is within the Desolation Canyon Wilderness Study Area, and is managed as closed to leasing. All other activities are managed by the *Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review*. The segments upstream and downstream on the Moab and Price BLM have been found suitable by the BLM and together these segments represent a significant contribution to the integrity of the Green River system.

Rivers Suitable for WSR Designation on Bureau of Land Management Lands in Utah

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